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Order

No. 8/7/2014-MAG/L&O/IFFI-2015/9268

(Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973)

Whereas, the 46th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is scheduled to be held in Goa from 20th to 30th of November, 2015, in which more than 7000 delegates from India and around the world are expected to participate and this event is of great national importance and a matter of pride and prestige for the permanent venue, the State of Goa;

And whereas, the CEO of Entertainment Society of Goa, in his letter dated 17-11-2015 has expressed concern that there are reports in the national and local media indicating that students of the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune are planning to hold demonstrations at the IFFI venues, which may lead to disruptions in the smooth execution of this prestigious event and has enclosed newspaper cuttings of the said reports [Times of India (Pune Edition) dated 05-11-2015 and 16-11-2015, Maharashtra Times (Pune Edition) dated 28-10-2015, Times of India (Goa Edition) dated 17-11-2015 and local dailies Herald and Gomantak Times in their editions dated 17-11-2015];

And whereas, the Festival will be held in different venues around Panaji City, including Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Stadium, Kala Academy and Darya Sangam, INOX, Dayanand Bandodkar Football Ground at Campal, Azad Maidan, Entertainment Society of Goa Complex, INOX Complex and Hotel Marriot and there is a likelihood that vested groups may misuse this prestigious occasion to stage processions, protests, dharnas or morchas, which could not only create heavy traffic congestion but also disturb the smooth conduct of the Festival. Further, any disruption of the screenings of the Festival movies and allied events will be highly inconvenient to the 7000 odd delegates who have paid the registration fees and enrolled themselves to participate in the Festival in an unhindered fashion and it is the paramount responsibility of the district administration and the police to ensure that all the events of the Festival take place smoothly, as scheduled by the Festival Organizing Committee;

And whereas, in the light of the above-mentioned facts and after perusing the material on record, I am satisfied that there is a clear and present threat to the smooth conduct of the Festival from certain groups who are likely to use the venues of the Festival for staging protests or agitations, which can mar the reputation of Goa at the national and global level and that adoption of immediate preventive measures are necessary for the maintenance of public order during the Festival;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal

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Procedure, 1973, I, Nila Mohanan, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa, do hereby ban all sorts of processions, protests, dharmas and morchas within the jurisdiction of Panaji Police Station, except any marriage or funeral processions or any special occasion that in the opinion of the District Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate, North Goa is genuine and for which prior permission shall be obtained from them.

This Order shall come into force w.e.f. 20-11-2015 to 30-11-2015 (midnight). It will temporarily override the Order No. 8/8/2014-MAG/L&O/LA/3401 dated 05-12-2014 read along with Addendum dated 17-12-2014 during this period.

Given under my hand and seal, this 18th day of November, 2015.

Panaji.— The District Magistrate, North Goa, *Nila Mohanan, IAS*.

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